State	Name of the District	Period 2000-01 (Amount spent in Rs. Lakhs)
Jharkhand	Dhanbad	42.46
	Deoghar	1.19
	Godda	14.94
	Bokaro	14.25
	Ranchi	27.06
	Hazaribagh	18.35
	Giridh	1.23
	Palamou	—
	TOTAL :	119.48
Orissa	Jharsuguda	114.27
	Sundargarh	51.54
	Angul	154.11
	Sambalpur	49.66
	TOTAL :	369.58

FDI in the mining sector

4388. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan to boost the flow of foreign direct investment in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up exclusive Regulating Authority for the country's mining industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government has liberalized its FDI policy in the mining sector which allows

foreign equity holding upto 100%, on the automatic route for all minerals (except diamonds and precious stones). This covers exploration, mining, mineral processing and metallurgy. In the case of diamonds and precious stones, foreign equity upto 74% is allowed on the automatic route for both exploration and mining operations. However, proposals seeking higher than 74% foreign equity for diamonds & precious stones are considered by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB). The Mines & Minerals [Development & Regulation] Act, 1957 has also been suitably amended to make it more investor friendly. The Department of Mines has been utilizing various national and international fora to publicise the liberalized FDI policy with a view to attract foreign investment into the Indian mining sector. The Government has also put in place a monitoring mechanism to review the implementation of approved FDI projects.

(c) and (d) Not for the present.

Accidents in coal mines

†4389. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mine-wise/year-wise accidents occurred in coal mines in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of workers killed in the above accidents;

(c) whether Government have given any compensation to the workers who lost their lives during the above period; if so, the number of the workers to whom compensation was given and the amount of compensation given to them;

(d) whether some of the cases related to the compensation to the workers killed in accidents are still pending for disposal; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Mines-wise and year-wise number of fatal accidents and fatalities in coal mines

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.